

Excerpt of testimony of Mary Altgeld at the Preliminary Hearing of October 14 [last].

Q. Calling your attention to September 24 at approximately 9 o'clock in the evening, where, if anywhere, were you?

A. I was just leaving the store. We close every night at 9.

Q. Did you have anything with you?

A. Yes, I was carrying a shopping bag with the day's receipts in it. We were going to deposit it the next day. We do that all the time.

Q. Where did you go?

A. I drove to our house at 4925 N. Parkside.

Q. When you got there, did anything unusual happen?

A. Yes, it did. When I got out of the car and turned to go into the house, there stood Jason dressed up like a robber in a western movie. He had a gun.

Q. What if anything did he say to you?

A. He said, "I'll take the money, Mary," and he grabbed the shopping bag out of my hand.

Q. What was he wearing?

A. He had on boots and a cowboy hat, and over his face he had a red bandanna or blue, some dark color.

Q. How did you know it was the defendant?

A. Oh. I recognized his voice. And when he grabbed the shopping bag, the mask slipped down and I could see his face.

Q. What happened next?

A. He walked away. Then my husband came out to meet me and I said, "That man in the hat stole our money."

Q. Then what happened?

A. Then my husband started to run after him, but the robber was running too. He got in his car and drove off.

Q. And then you called the police?

A. Yes, my husband did.